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Transit strike inches closer

NEGOTIATIONS

Gatineau union president was suspended for four days

Dylan C. Robertson
For Metro | Ottawa

Gatineau buses could soon grind to a halt amid growing antagonism between the Société de transport de l'Outaouais (STO) and its union.

"The negotiations are not going well," union head Félix Gendron told Metro. "We are moving closer to a strike."

The union representing bus drivers suspended contract talks last Friday, after the STO imposed disciplinary measures on Gendron and three other union executives.

"They suspended me for doing my job," claims Gendron, who faced four unpaid days over the holiday period for insubordination due to "derogatory remarks." He said it's his first discipline in 26 years as an STO employee.

Gendron was also barred from entering STO premises, which he disobeyed in order to continue his union work. That prompted another sanction, likely an unpaid day of work. "It's pretty weird," he said.

In a statement last Friday, STO said it's bargaining in good faith: "Unlike the union's claim, the disciplinary measures imposed on certain employees have no connection with the ongoing negotiations."

The union has been without a contract since December 2014. Last month, transit workers voted 98 percent in favour of striking, which would give the union 60 days to strike if it gives three days' notice.

> **They suspended me for doing my job.**
> Félix Gendron

Meanwhile, both sides are waiting to see whether the federal government deems Gatineau buses an essential service, which would make any strike action illegal. The Canada Industrial Relations Board is expected to render its decision by late January, and has a meeting with both sides Monday.

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SELF-ESTEEM, PLEASE

Local designer says Ottawa is its own worst enemy

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TEDx set to inspire

KNOWLEDGE

Talks coming up this year in Kanata, Nepean

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Ottawa is set to get inspired this year, with two TED-licensed talks scheduled in the city's west.

A March 9 talk will take place in Kanata, followed by a talk in Nepean Sept. 28.

Metro is first to learn the theme of September's TEDxOttawa talk: "Who knew?"

Cheryl Dowell, who teaches business management at Algonquin College, is part of six people organizing the September event.

"The purpose is to stimulate thoughts and have people begin to ask 'Why,'" she said. "Some parts of the world are broken; some things we do are broken. What we need to do is reflect."

TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) is a non-profit that has hosted talks worldwide since 1984. It has gained notoriety in the past decade for its online videos.

The consortium lets TED enthusiasts hold small-scale events called TEDx, providing they undergo training. Algonquin College hosted a 2011 TEDx event with 100 guests.

Because the 2011 event was a success, and since Dowell attended a full TED talk, the consortium approved a larger TEDxOttawa venue to host 350 to 500 attendees.

"Your brain doesn't stop," Dowell said, recalling a five-day TED summit in Banff last June. "It just leaves you wanting more."

Dowell said she's heard from scores of people volunteering to speak.

TED talks draw excitement globally, like this one in Vancouver. Ottawa will have two of the TEDx events to look forward to this year.
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The committee will announce speakers over the coming months and make tickets available in late spring.

"People are just eager to share," she said.

"It's guaranteed that no one will leave disappointed."

The committee is seeking volunteers for social media and website development, entertainment breaks, and speech coaches to help speakers' pace and format.

Dowell says anyone interested in volunteering or speaking should contact the TEDxOttawa Facebook and Twitter accounts, or email her at dowellc@algonquincollege.com

Meanwhile, TEDxKanata will be held Match 9 at the Brookstreet Hotel under the theme The Next 150: Driving Change. The Kanata North Business Improvement Area is hosting the event; tickets are $100.

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The number of TEDx talks Ottawa universities and community groups have hosted since 2009.

INVESTIGATION

Human trafficking charges mount

An Ottawa man is now facing more human trafficking charges after police were flooded with tips following his arrest in October.

Police charged Cameron Lyons with several offences last year related to luring minors into the sex trade using false Facebook identities and a company called VIP entertainment.

After those charges were made public, Ottawa Police said in a statement that they received over 20 contacts, including some tips through Crime Stoppers, which lead them to launch new investigations.

He has been charged with two counts each of sexual assault, sexual interference as well as one charge of procuring a person under 18 to provide sexual services, which all related to a teenage girl.

He is also facing charges in connection to three adult woman that include one count of sexual assault, three counts of harassment and two counts of extortion.

Lyons made his first appearance on those charges on Jan. 5 and he is being held in custody.
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CHILD WELFARE

Man charged in porn case

Ottawa police charged a 33-year-old man with child pornography offences last week.

Police received a tip through the National Child Exploitation Co-ordination Centre's CyberTip line via Skype and Facebook.

The tip indicated an IP address in the Ottawa area was chatting about sexually abusing children and uploading images.

Officers searched a home in the Orleans Village-Chateauneuf area and seized several digital devices.

Jean-Michel Duval, 33, is charged with distribution of child pornography, three counts of possession of child pornography and one count of making available child pornography.

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Looking to the year ahead

Ottawa councillors will be coming back to City Hall this week. We asked them two big-picture questions.

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1. What are you most optimistic about seeing in Ottawa in 2017?

2. What are you most concerned about?

Many Ottawa councillors expressed excitement about Ottawa's role in 2017 festivities.
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Mayor Jim Watson
1. I look forward to a record number of visitors coming to spend time in our beautiful city, as we roll out the tourism welcome mat for Canada's 150th Birthday Celebrations.
2. Working hard to ensure that our light rail project remains on time and ready to open in 2018.

Tobi Nussbaum – Rideau Rockcliffe
1. Ongoing revitalization of the downtown core, during the exciting 150th anniversary of Confederation, from Arts Court and Rideau Street improvements to the renovated National Arts Centre and a new use for the former U.S. Embassy on Wellington.
2. Maintaining and building transit ridership levels in the context of the Jan. 1, 2017 OC Transpo fare increases and route disruptions in the lead-up to the opening of the LRT.

Michael Qagish – Gloucester South Nepean
1. I'm excited about the progress and momentum we will see in municipal projects that will transform our city – namely LRT and continued urban development and smart growth.
2. As refugee liaison for the City of Ottawa, I am optimistic about the continued successful integration of Syrian refugees in our city thanks to our generous community, but also concerned about the pressures and implications ahead as a result of federal funding coming to an end.

George Darouze – Osgoode
1. 2017 is going to see a lot of progress in terms of community infrastructure, and that is one of the things I have looked forward to the most.
2. Despite the fact that I believe that we are on the right track, the main issue I am concerned about in the upcoming year is the paramedic file. In previous years council did not keep up paramedic hiring practices with the projected rate of growth.

Marianne Wilkinson – Kanata North
1. Citywide, the issues that I'm most involved with are the new Central Library location and development of plans and the Environmental Study to extend light rail to Kanata in the future.
2. My concern is finding the funding to be able to build the LRT to Bayshore and then on to Terry Fox on an ongoing basis.

Riley Brockington – River Ward
1. In addition to celebrating Canada's 150th birthday across Ottawa and River Ward, I am looking forward to the continued progress on the LRT Phase 1 project.
2. I have been disturbed by the record number of shootings in 2016 and a near record number of homicides. Community safety and security remain a major priority for me.

Mathieu Fleury – Vanier
1. What I am optimistic about seeing in Ottawa, in 2017, are the celebrations and events relating to Ottawa 2017, the beginning of the EA for the truck tunnel, the ByWard Market Renewal and governance changes.
2. On the contrary, the concerns about our City in 2017 relate to community safety, community policing (including foot patrol), challenges relating to Pay Day Loans establishments, illegal marijuana dispensaries, and meeting the 10 Year Homelessness Plan's emergency shelter transition objectives.

Jean Cloutier – Alta Vista
1. We've created a full calendar of diverse activities, appealing to everyone throughout the whole year. We've positioned Ottawa as the place to be for all Canadians to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Canada's confederation.
2. My focus continues to be on addressing the needs of residents while sustaining vibrancy of our community, throughout 2017 and beyond; making sure our local streets are safe for people to walk, cycle and drive on; maintaining and enhancing our green spaces, parks, playgrounds and community centres.

Keith Egli – Knoxdale – Merivale
1. After all the work done by the library staff and board. I am optimistic about council moving the main library file forward.
2. I am not concerned but rather focused on making sure the final pieces are in place for Phase 1 of LRT to open in 2018.

Mark Taylor – Bay
1. I'm most optimistic about seeing the progress unfold on some of our key city building projects, especially in the context of the 2017 sesquicentennial year. Projects like Stage 1 and 2 of our light rail, Arts Court, progress on a new central library.
2. In 2017 I think we will need to confront issues like: how do we actively approach and handle harm reduction (like supervised injection sites) and health issues on our streets (like fentanyl), making progress on addressing mental health supports in our community.

Jeff Leiper - Kitchissippi
1. I'm looking forward to seeing Ottawans start to realize that becoming a big city means opportunities. As they begin to see new potential, I think we'll see them become more visionary of what they demand of their politicians and planners.
2. I am very pleased that new money was found to help our social services partners in the 2017 budget, but I am concerned that our most vulnerable residents in 2017 will fall further behind.

David Chernushenko – Capital
1. The official re-opening of Main Street as a fabulous complete street that brings back on-street activity and a business renaissance to what had become a highway
2. The infill challenge and pressures to build towers along streets like Bank Street and in the Bronson/Carling area will continue. Done well, I hope this will help address in a modest way the growing non-affordability of living in the core of the city.

Tim Tierney – Beacon Hill Cyrville
1. I am optimistic about moving forward with plans for the city's new central library. As chair of the Ottawa Public Library Board, I know how much work has been going on behind the scenes to ensure that Ottawa's new main library branch is the best fit.
2. I am concerned that the city does not offer enough services for our aging population and we'll be working for more places and spaces for them.

Alan Hubley – Kanata South
1. I am very optimistic that in 2017 we will witness a huge growth in our tourist industry. I am also hopeful we will see validation of the changes we made in 2016 to reduce the burden on taxpayers.
2. My 2017 concern is the critical need to convince all the new visitors to our city that they should return again and again so that the huge investment in this year-long party pays off for taxpayers.

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Wearing Ottawa's self-esteem issue

CULTURE

Fun take on T-shirt slogan sparks debate

Haley Ritchie
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Could Ottawa eventually become a major cultural hub — the Portland of Canada? Maybe, says designer Dominic Coballe, but first we need to deal with Ottawa's self-esteem problem.

Coballe, co-founder of local company N-Product, is promoting those conversations in 2017 with a tongue-in-cheek art project: a black shirt that reads "Ottawa vs. Itself."

The T-shirt is a rift of a project in Detroit, where graphic designer Tommey Walker created bold black T-shirts with the slogan celebrating his underdog city: "Detroit vs. Everybody." A similar design — "Toronto vs. Everybody" — sparked a copyright war in 2015. Coballe was discussing the shirts with friends last summer when he made an honest joke about Ottawa.

"Ottawa could never get away with an Ottawa vs. Everybody. It would more likely be Ottawa vs. itself. We're our own worst enemies," he explained with a laugh. "Whether you were raised here or you're a transplant, you kind of get that vibe: we don't think we're cool enough."

Coballe photoshopped a mock-up of the design for Facebook. After posting the image there was such a strong demand for T-shirts that Coballe and his wife and business partner Chrystale Ladouceur decided to print a run, treating it as an art project.

"A lot of people loved it. Some people were like, 'What does it mean? Are you taking a swipe at Ottawa?'" he said. Whether you get the joke or not, Coballe said he's hoping it gets people talking about the city.

"I'm from Ottawa, I love this town, we have a family here. Some people see it as 'we're our own worst enemies' but some people think it's uplifting, because we're also our own worst critic. We're actually better than what we think we are."

While Toronto or Detroit might pride themselves on being underdog cities ready to take on the world, Ottawa never gets that far. Long derided as a beige government town, Coballe wants a rebrand for the city that fun forgot.

> **Whether you were raised here or you're a transplant, you kind of get that vibe: we don't think we're cool enough.**
> Dominic Coballe

Many people involved in Ottawa's music scene — including city councillor Jeff Leiper — have compared the city in size and cultural potential to Austin, Texas. For Coballe, the beauty of the city's rivers and woods draw comparisons to Portland, Ore.

"It's majestic here; trees, water, woods. It has potential for people to stay. The food scene here is evolving, it's always getting better," he said. "After people get their big-city experience, they'll be looking for communities to live in and build."

Coballe believes that critical mass of creativity is building and it's just a matter of time before people start embracing the city.

"We have a long way to go, but I'm hopeful that will happen," he said.

Dominic Coballe wearing one of the T-shirts he designed about Ottawa's image problem. HALEY RITCHIE/METRO

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CRIME

Police investigate two weekend stabbings

Ottawa police are probing two weekend stabbings, with no arrests made by Sunday afternoon.

A Centretown man suffered serious injuries Friday night after being stabbed several times near Spruce and Rochester streets at 10:30 p.m. Another man was found stabbed Saturday morning in Nepean, near Iris Street and Elmira Drive. He had non-life-threatening injuries. METRO

POLITICS

Leitch echoes Trump in call to drain canal

A Conservative party leadership candidate adept at drumming up media headlines is again channelling U.S. President-elect Donald Trump — and taking aim at an Ottawa city icon.

In a Saturday email to supporters, Kellie Leitch pledges to be "a leader who will drain the Canal of the influence paddlers and lobbyists."

Her remarks echo Trump's pledge to "drain the swamp," referring to Washington, D.C. being located on former swampland. Twitter users lambasted Leitch's email, pointing out that the Rideau Canal is drained at least twice a year.

They also questioned the phrase "influence paddlers," wondering if her campaign misspelled "peddlers," or referred to people using paddles to canoe or hit people.

In November Leitch called Trump's presidential victory an "exciting message that needs to be delivered in Canada as well." METRO

Shopify shares spike after Amazon deal

E-COMMERCE

Ottawa-based firm poised to join online marketplace

Shares of Shopify spiked in anticipation of an announced deal that allows the company's merchants to sell on the Amazon marketplace through the platform.

Shares of the Ottawa-based e-commerce firm rose 8.1 per cent on the New York Stock Exchange and 7.3 per cent on the Toronto Stock Exchange over the course of Thursday. Shopify officially announced the deal in a release after market close.

The release stated that since December, Shopify merchants dealing in U.S. dollars have been able to integrate an Amazon sales channel through their Shopify accounts.

"This is our first integration with an online marketplace. Our work with Amazon is an important step in strengthening our ro-bust multi¬channel commerce strategy and the ability of our merchants to sell anywhere their customers buy," Brandon Chu, director of product at Shopify, said in a statement.

The company estimates that 40 per cent of its merchants already sell through Amazon or other online marketplaces.

The deal with Amazon is the latest in a number of high-profile collaborations for Shopify in the past year. Shopify launched Apple Pay on its platform in the fall and announced in April that it was making commerce available through Facebook's Messenger platform.

The company first announced a partnership with Amazon last September that also led to a boost in its stock price.

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Shopify employs hundreds in Ottawa, and is one of the city's most successful startups. CARLOS OSORIO / TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

STATISTICS CANADA

Unemployment dips in Ottawa-Gatineau

After hitting a record high in November, the number of people working in the National Capital Region dipped slightly last month as employers shed 500 jobs, Statistics Canada said Friday.

However, a decline in the number of people looking for work meant the unemployment rate dropped by 10 basis points, from 6.2 per cent to 6.1 per cent.

The federal government continued its hiring binge by adding 5,900 new local employees on both sides of the Ottawa River in December.

The region's largest employer has added a staggering 16,900 new staff in the last six months alone, bringing the number of local employees to 145,100 — a level not seen in Ottawa-Gatineau since 2010.

Meanwhile, the closely watched technology sector shed 1,700 jobs, lowering the industry's employment to 47,200 positions. Despite last month's decline, there are still some 6,200 more people working for local tech firms than a year earlier.

Statistics Canada's year-end employment review Friday said the country added 153,700 net new part-time jobs last year and just 60,400 full-time positions, a number so low it was statistically insignificant.

The 2016 figure represented a stark shift from annual results in the past two years. The agency reported gains of 156,000 full-time jobs in 2014 and 147,000 in 2015.

Experts, however, were heartened by the job market's solid finish to the year.

The agency's numbers for December, also released Friday, showed full-time work climbed by 81,300 jobs, the biggest one-month increase in full-time positions in almost five years. Part-time employment dropped by 27,600 jobs in December.

Overall, the expansion of part-time positions helped the market bulk up by 214,100 net new jobs in 2016. Employment across the country increased by 1.2 per cent last year compared with 2015, delivering the strongest annual job growth since 2012.

"It still didn't change the picture for the year. More than 70 per cent of all the jobs created in 2016 were part time," said Craig Alexander, chief economist for the Conference Board of Canada.

"But certainly December ended on a strong note and it basically holds out the possibility that 2017's going to be a better year from a labour market point of view."

While experts cautioned that monthly economic data is volatile, several were caught off guard by all the unexpected positives buried in the December employment figures.

"My jaw dropped at this Canadian jobs number," said Frances Donald, senior economist for Manulife Asset Management.

"The types of details that we want to see in a strong job-market data report are full-time jobs, higher participation rate, employees on payroll, broad job growth — and those were all present."

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BY THE NUMBERS

16,900

The number of new staff the federal government has hired in the last six months

81,300

Full-time work climbed by 81,300 jobs in December, the biggest one-month increase in full-time jobs in nearly five years

1.2%

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Feds' action on fentanyl crisis blasted

OVERDOSE

MP suggests government's response has regional bias

A Liberal MP is speaking out about what she considers a frustratingly slow response by her own federal government to the crisis of fentanyl, a potent opioid linked to more than 500 overdose deaths last year in B.C. and Alberta alone.

"I feel it's something we need to be doing something about faster than we are doing it," Hedy Fry, the longtime Liberal MP for Vancouver Centre, said in an interview.

The number of Canadian deaths from fentanyl — often used to cut other drugs, such as heroin, cocaine or oxycodone — is highest in B.C. and Alberta, prompting Fry to suggest that a regional bias, albeit unintentional, might be at play.

"I think that it is that the whole country isn't suffering from the same problem — it's B.C. and Alberta," Fry said.

"It's now starting in Ontario, and I would suggest to you that once it gets bad in Ontario, we will notice action being taken."

> The whole country isn't suffering from the same problem — it's B.C. and Alberta.
> Hedy Fry

Terry Lake, the B.C. health minister, made a similar point at an opioid summit in Ottawa last November, when politicians met with doctors, public health experts and people with lived experience to explore solutions to the epidemic.

"It took a while for them to understand the magnitude of the situation, because the numbers here in B.C. are so much greater on a per capita basis than they are in Ontario," Lake said in an interview Friday.

It can be tough to get an entirely accurate picture of the problem, because different provinces use different ways to track deaths from overdoses.

The Coroners Service of British Columbia reported 374 illicit drug overdose deaths linked to fentanyl between January and Oct. 31 last year. Alberta reported 193 fentanyl-related deaths between January and September of last year.

Ontario, which has a population about three times the size of either of those provinces, reported 166 deaths linked to fentanyl in 2015, according to data for 2015 from the chief coroner's office. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A man walks through a boat yard in Sambro, N.S., on Sunday. A powerful nor'easter blanketed the province overnight with up to 35 centimetres of snow. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

WINTER STORM

Atlantic Canada sees barrage of snow, ice

Parts of Atlantic Canada were digging out Sunday after a winter storm dumped 35 centimetres of snow on some areas.

Environment Canada says as much as 35 centimetres of snow fell over parts of Nova Scotia and P.E.I. overnight Saturday, while southeastern New Brunswick received about 25 centimetres.

Many flights at Halifax Stanfield International Airport were delayed or cancelled and most major roads in Nova Scotia were still snow-covered Sunday afternoon.

About 6,000 Nova Scotia Power customers were briefly in the dark Sunday, but that number dropped to about 200 by early afternoon.

P.E.I. remained under a winter storm warning Sunday afternoon, as high winds were expected to blow snow across roadways and create zero-visibility driving conditions.

Most of western Newfoundland was under a snowfall warning Sunday, with 20 centimetres expected by the afternoon before the snow changed to ice pellets and freezing rain. THE CANADIAN PRESS

6,000

The number of Nova Scotia Power customers who lost power on Sunday as a result of the winter storm.

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Ransom call 'quickly went bad'

NEW BRUNSWICK

Dog kidnapper called woman with demand for money

Denise Ramsay, her 12-year-old dog, a German shepherd golden retriever mix named Sadie, and 11-year-old dog, a cocker spaniel named Samie. HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

It was the call she was hoping for, but not the call she expected.

Denise Ramsay's German shepherd golden retriever mix dog had been missing for four days after vanishing from her yard in Miramichi, N.B. She received a call on New Year's Day and the man on the other end of the line said he had her dog Sadie.

"He could have been my hero," said Ramsay. "But it went bad so quickly."

She said the man wanted money in exchange for the 12-year-old dog and said he would not give her back until the cash was transferred.

Ramsay had let Sadie and her other dog Samie the cocker spaniel outside to use the bathroom around 10 p.m. on Dec. 28. But when it came time for the dogs to go back inside, Sadie did not come.

She's never wandered away from home before because she has a collar that emits a sound when she reaches the perimeter of their property, said Ramsay.

Friends and family searched for Sadie until 4 a.m. the next day. Ramsay even enlisted the help of a snowmobiler to keep an eye out and a drone was used to scour the area. She has also widely publicized on Facebook that her dog was missing.

On Jan. 1, Ramsay received a call from a blocked number while sitting in her husband's truck on a lunch break.

Initially she was relieved because the man on the other end of the line said he had Sadie. But the conversation quickly turned sour.

"My husband told the man he would meet him anywhere, and he said, 'No, that's not how this is going to go down. You need to send me the money first,'" according to Ramsay.

Not knowing if the man actually had Sadie, Ramsay kept him on the line and called 911 on another phone, but when the man realized the 911 operator was listening in on the conversation via speakerphone, he hung up.

Ramsay said if she wasn't so distraught, she would have taken the man's email and made the transfer.

"All he had to do was say, 'I found your dog,' and he would have got a reward and he would have been my best friend for the rest of my life," said Ramsay, adding that police have said they will watch out for Sadie, but there's not much else they can do at this point.

Miramichi Police Sgt. Bob Bruce said in an email Saturday that there is nothing to indicate anything other than the dog is missing and that officers are keeping a lookout for Sadie.

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NOVA SCOTIA

Feds to pay for funeral

The federal government confirmed it will pay for the funerals of four people found dead in a Nova Scotia home last Tuesday.

However, Veterans Affairs officials would not elaborate further Saturday on details of the payment for the services for Lionel Desmond, his wife, mother and daughter.

Media reports quote family members as saying they were told that the government would cover funeral costs.

Police have said Desmond shot his 31-year-old wife Shanna, their 10-year-old daughter Aaliyah and his mother Brenda Desmond, 52, in their home in Upper Big Tracadie before killing himself.

Family members have said the former soldier was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder after a tour in Afghanistan in 2007, and had received treatment from the military.

An online fundraising campaign to help pay for the Desmond family's funeral expenses had raised nearly $22,000 in donations by Saturday evening.

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Teena Changarathil
KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

EDMONTON

Cemetery searches for its first artist-in-residence

Kevin Maimann
Metro | Edmonton

Here's an eerily good opportunity: the City of Edmonton will give one artist the chance of a lifetime, to work among the dead.

The Edmonton Arts Council has put out a call for applications to be the first artist-in-residence hosted by City of Edmonton Cemeteries.

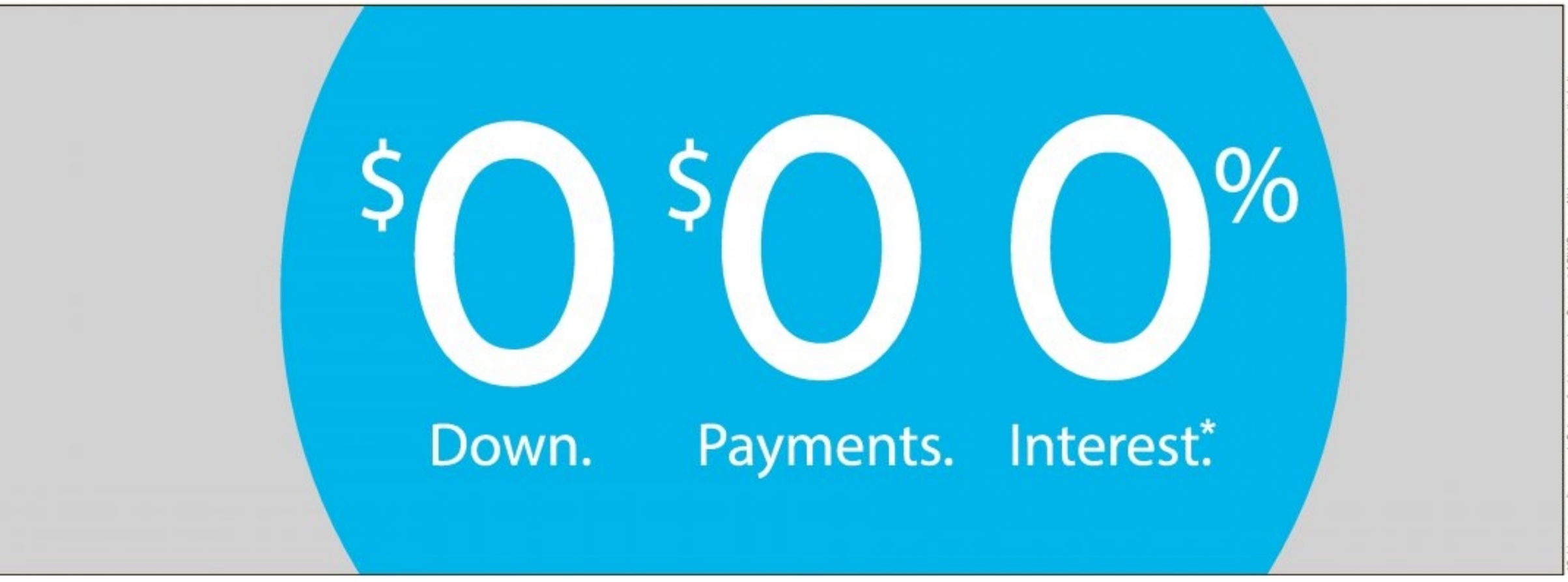
The chosen artist will get to work on art in local cemeteries as a full-time job for six months, with a primary studio space on the second floor of a building at Mount Pleasant.

While some might find the space unnerving, Teena Changarathil, supervisor of cemetery sales and operations with the city, said it could be inspiring.

"It's very historic. A lot of what we do with cemeteries is we have beautiful parkland, and it's really a warm and inviting place," Changarathil said.

"Once you get past the initial cemetery part of it and actually focus in on the area and the work that we do and our staff and the customers that we work with on a regular basis, the sombreness kind of fades away and the comfort and connections and history comes to light."

The selected artist will develop a portfolio throughout their residency and will showcase their final products with an exhibition at an undetermined location.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Questions swirl in airport shooting

FORT LAUDERDALE

Iraq war veteran charged in the deaths of five people

Florida airport shooting suspect Esteban Santiago, facing federal charges that could potentially result in a death sentence, has his first court hearing Monday.

Santiago, a 26-year-old Iraq war veteran from Anchorage, Alaska, is charged with committing violence against people at an international airport resulting in death and with two firearms offences. The hearing Monday is only the beginning of what will likely be a lengthy journey through the federal court system following the shooting at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport that killed five people and wounded six others.

HOW LIKELY IS THE DEATH PENALTY?

Although the charges carry a potential death sentence, the Justice Department will decide later whether to pursue that penalty assuming Santiago is convicted. Many other issues can come into play, such as whether he decides to plead guilty or go to trial. Guilty pleas usually do not result in death sentences.

DOES SANTIAGO HAVE A DEFENCE?

Uphill at best. There are dozens of witnesses to the shooting and the FBI said in an affidavit that he told agents in a post-arrest interview how he planned the attack, what weapon he brought with him to Florida, how he loaded the gun from his checked luggage in an airport bathroom and came out firing. There is also video surveillance of the shooting that shows the shooting and its aftermath. Santiago was arrested after running out of ammunition and lying spread-eagle on the floor until a deputy took him in to custody, his 9mm handgun nearby.

WHAT ABOUT MENTAL ISSUES?

Santiago's attorney can ask for a mental competency evaluation to determine if he is fit to stand trial. It's a fairly high standard for any defendant to escape criminal charges because of mental problems because many defendants understand the difference between right and wrong. The main issue for the court is whether a defendant is too impaired to assist in his own defence. Most defendants who go this route are ultimately judged fit for trial and the mental health issue becomes a factor at sentencing.

IF TERRORISM LINKS ARE FOUND, THEN WHAT?

Federal prosecutors could obtain a new grand jury indictment charging Santiago with terror-related offences, either adding them to the existing charges or substituting them. So far, officials have said they have uncovered no evidence linking Santiago to international terrorism. But he did tell authorities in Alaska that U.S. intelligence agencies were directing him to take orders from Daesh.

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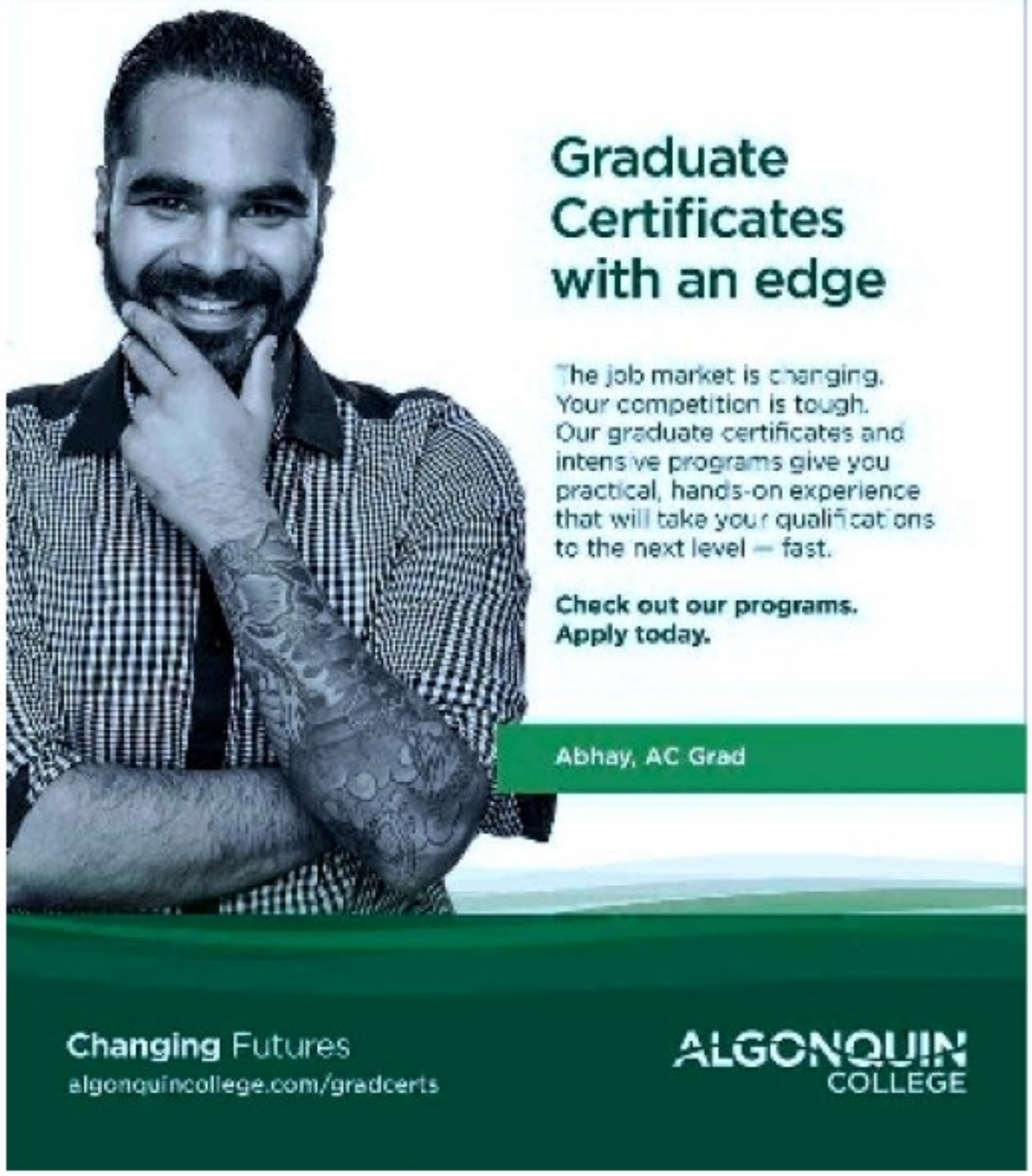
WEATHER EXTREME COLD GRIPS EUROPE Migrants warm themselves by the fire inside a derelict customs warehouse on Saturday. Blizzards and dangerously low temperatures persisted in parts of Europe, prompting Pope Francis to draw attention to the homeless suffering in the cold. In Serbia, aid workers scrambled to help hundreds of migrants sleeping in makeshift shelters. The extreme winter weather that has gripped Europe has caused more than a dozen deaths and left many villages cut off. AFP/GETTY IMAGES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BRAZIL

Oh, for Elrond's sake: Great-grandma prays to wrong figurine

Andrew Fifield
Metro | Toronto

A Brazilian woman claimed a late entrant to the "funniest discovery of 2016" after learning an elderly relative had been unknowingly praying daily to a Lord of the Rings tchotchke.

Gabriela Brandao, a beautician from Florianapolis, had a hunch something was amiss with what a great-grandmother thought was a figurine of a Catholic saint.

"My daughter's great-grandmother prays to this figure of San Antonio every day," Brandao wrote on Facebook. "But looking closer…"

Such an inspection revealed the figure's finery had more of an environmentalist bent, which is more indicative of Elrond, the half-elf Lord of Rivendell and not Saint Anthony, patron saint of lost things.

Something seemed off about a Brazilian woman's Saint Anthony figurine. FACEBOOK

ISRAEL

Truck attack kills four

A Palestinian truck driver on Sunday rammed his vehicle into a crowd of Israeli soldiers at a popular Jerusalem tourist spot, killing four people and wounding 17 others in the deadliest single attack in more than a year. The attack came at a time of tensions in Jerusalem, where Palestinians have warned of consequences if Donald Trump follows through on his promise to move the U.S. Embassy to the city. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNITED STATES

Trump accepts Russia's role in hacking: aide

President-elect Donald Trump and his aides are entering a crucial week in his presidential transition as he and his Cabinet nominees undergo public questioning about their approach to Russia and potential conflicts of interests.

Most pressing during the upcoming days of confirmation hearings and Trump's first press conference in six months likely will be whether he accepts the conclusion of U.S. intelligence officials that Russia meddled in the U.S. election.

Trump's incoming chief of staff, Reince Priebus, said Sunday that Trump has accepted that Russia was responsible for the hacking, which targeted the Democratic National Committee and a top aide to Hillary Clinton.

"He's not denying that entities in Russia were behind this particular campaign," Priebus said.

That's more than Trump himself has said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The quest to find worth in waste

TECH PRIZE

A commercial use for CO2 could save the atmosphere

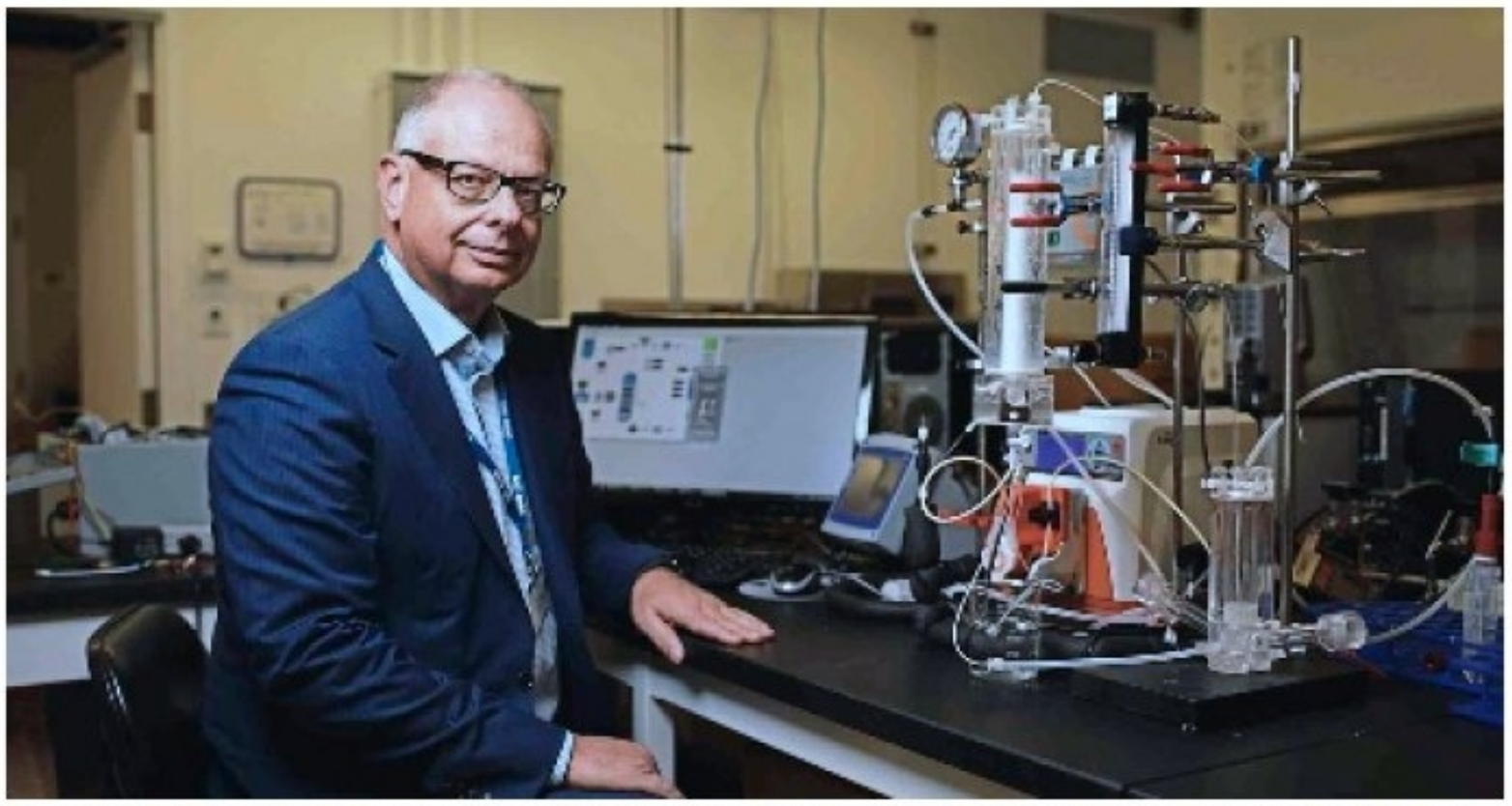
What if carbon dioxide emissions could be transformed from a liability into an asset?

That's the $20-million question behind the NRG COSIA Carbon XPrize, a global competition to create technology that converts carbon dioxide into valuable products.

"In energy and climate, few ideas are as potentially transformative as the idea of turning the economics of CO2 and climate change on its head," said Marcius Extavour, director of technical operations for the prize.

The multi-million dollar prize is funded by the industry group Canada's Oil Sands Innovation Alliance and U.S. company NRG. Ten finalists will be announced in 2018 and a winner will be revealed in 2020.

Here's a look at some of the Canadian semifinalists:



Ingenuity Lab director Carlo Montemagno has engineered a new way to capture CO2 from industrial gas emissions. His foam bioreactor technology harnesses photosynthesis, the process plants use to convert carbon dioxide into chemical energy using light. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

INGENUITY LAB, EDMONTON

Ingenuity Lab director Carlo Montemagno has engineered a new way to capture CO2 from industrial gas emissions. His technology harnesses photosynthesis, the process plants use to convert carbon dioxide into chemical energy using light.

The technology mimics the biochemical reactions of photosynthesis in non-living materials to generate the energy to transform the carbon dioxide into valuable products. It takes the CO2 from flue gas and builds the carbons up into long chains, with the result being that 47 different specialty chemicals can be produced.

> We're taking garbage, and we're turning it into a valuable product and solving climate change all in one step. Chris Stern

Montemagno added that plants require a significant amount of energy to grow, so they're not very efficient at sequestering carbon to produce value-added chemicals. But in his technology, no energy has to be spent to keep an organism alive, so all the output can go toward the products that one wants to create.

TERRA CO2 TECHNOLOGIES, VANCOUVER

Terra CO2 Technologies is developing a technique to transform acid rock drainage and carbon dioxide emissions — two damaging byproducts of mining — into a stable substance.

Acid rock drainage refers to the acidic water that results when sulfide minerals are exposed to air and water and produce sulphuric acid, which is harmful to wildlife if it leaks into waterways. Mining companies must use costly methods to contain the drainage, including treating it with lime and storing it in large tailings ponds.

The company uses a common iron-sulfide mineral called pyrite or "fool's gold" as an example. It pulls CO2 out of the air and combines with the iron to make an iron carbonate, which is stable in normal atmospheric conditions and doesn't produce any acid.

"Our application for the technology is huge for the mining industry," said Terra CEO Dylan Jones. "We're looking at it as a cost-saving technology."

CARBICRETE, MONTREAL

Cement produces a great deal of greenhouse gas emissions — about one tonne of CO2 for every tonne of cement. That's why Carbicrete invented a way to make concrete without using cement.

Instead of using cement to bind together the concrete, the company uses steel slag, a by-product of the steel-making process that mostly ends up in landfills. In doing so, it avoids the CO2 emissions associated with cement.

Mehrdad Mahoutian, who originally invented the technology at McGill University, added that precast concrete products are normally cured with heat and steam, but Carbicrete cures its concrete with CO2 gas, which permanently sequesters the CO2 and keeps it out of the atmosphere.

In effect, the product is carbon-negative concrete.

"We're taking garbage, and we're turning it into a valuable product and solving climate change all in one step," said CEO Chris Stern.

CARBONCURE TECHNOLOGIES, DARTMOUTH, N.S.

Nova Scotia-based CarbonCure Technologies has also developed a way to use CO2 to make better concrete.

The company takes CO2 from any industrial source — a power plant or a refinery, for example — and injects it into concrete, where it is sequestered and turned into a solid. The process reduces the carbon footprint of the product by taking CO2 out of the air and turning it into a solid material, which happens to make concrete stronger, and also cuts down the concrete producer's costs.

There is more concrete manufactured on the earth than any other material, so this technology has the potential to reduce significant quantities of CO2, said vice-president of sustainability Jennifer Wagner.

"The technology makes concrete stronger, greener and less expensive to manufacture."

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URBAN ETIQUETTE ELLEN VANSTONE

THE QUESTION

Should I lie my way out of being bridesmaid to my husband's best friend's fiancée who I don't like?

Dear Ellen,

My husband's best friend got engaged over Christmas, and now his fiancée asked me to be her bridesmaid. I don't want to do it. I've already been a bridesmaid four times this year. I don't like her. I tried to put her off by politely declining the "honour" but she won't accept no for an answer. It's so much work and expense even when you like the person. My current plan is to lie my way out of it. Advice?

Reluctant Bridesmaid

Dear Reluctant Bridesmaid,

Hmmm, I'm thinking The Reluctant Bridesmaid would be an excellent title for a horror movie. Let's hope it doesn't come to that.

With the bare facts you have supplied, I would say you owe this person nothing, and that a firm "thank you but I really must say no" is a more-than-acceptable way to get out of it.

I would also condone a big fat fake excuse, as I believe that lying one's face off to get out of certain (but not all) situations in order to avoid hurting someone's feelings is also completely acceptable.

The problem here is that your husband is a liability. If he's the groom's best friend, he will no doubt attend the wedding, and possibly even act as best man. Which would make him a conspicuous presence at the proceedings. Which means you can't pretend to have a terrible disease, or a dying relative, or that you are on a dangerous intergalactic mission to save the world, without making him look like a total d— for blowing you off to attend the nuptials.

If she's marrying your husband's best friend, you have to take the men's relationship into account.

As for telling the brutal truth, you may not care what the fiancée thinks of you. But if she's marrying your husband's best friend, you have to take the men's relationship into account.

Ideally, the two of them will socialize and do guy things without involving you womenfolk for the rest of their lives. (And I have to say, the old-fashioned habit of forced double-dating between couples is a tradition that deserves to die ASAP.)

But if there's any chance the best friend would be hurt by your refusal to join the wedding party, or that his hurt feelings might affect your husband's friendship with him, you must take that into account.

It doesn't mean you need to submit to emotional blackmail and agree to trot up the aisle with Bridezilla. It just means you have to discuss it with your husband, and work something out. Maybe he'll agree the guilt-trip bridesmaid gig is a lot of expense and trouble that's too much to ask, and you'll both agree to find a way out of it, regardless of what his best friend thinks. Or maybe he'll feel it's important to his friend, and ask you to suck it up — at which point you will have to make up your own mind what to do.

Whatever your choice, make sure your own precious marriage doesn't get sacrificed on the wedding altar of people you don't care about at all.

Need advice?
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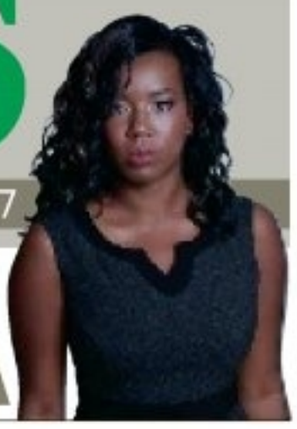

VICKY MOCHAMA

Canada will party while indigenous kids are denied services

For the vast portion of Canadian history, indigenous communities have been stripped of their rights. Underfunding students, bickering over health costs, and allowing children to slip into child welfare cracks is how those rights continue to be abridged.

According to a report last week in the Globe and Mail, over the next year, the federal government plans to spend nearly half a billion dollars on Canada 150. While some of that money will go towards promoting truth and reconciliation, spending millions on a party while indigenous children, families and communities fight for equitable services is a hypocrisy.

Last week, the Toronto Star reported that the Assembly of First Nations and First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada filed a motion to the human rights tribunal asking for the federal government to be found guilty. One year ago, the tribunal ordered the government to comply with Jordan's Principle, a law enacted in 2007. The motion alleges that they have failed to heed the tribunal's orders.

Jordan's Principle requires the government to take a child-first approach to providing services to all First Nations children. The government that is first contacted — be it federal or provincial — takes on the cost of a child's services and seeks to solve jurisdictional issues only after those services have first been paid for.

The law is meant to ensure that all indigenous children receive equal access to government services with the same level of service that non-indigenous children do.

In education, for example, there are significant gaps between what indigenous students on-reserve receive versus provincially funded students. (Education is a provincial responsibility, except in the case of First Nations children living on-reserve.)

A report last month from the parliamentary budget office found shortfalls in what Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) provided for students on-reserve and what their provincial counterpart receive. In their estimation, the funding shortfall between what INAC paid for and what the various provinces would be between $336 million and $665 million in 2016-2017.

The human rights tribunal case — and many others — is evidence of an ongoing process of depriving indigenous children of equitable and humane services.

Organizations like First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada are continually forced to sue the government to provide for services that are standard and sacrosanct for non-indigenous children.

The most recent federal budget provides $3.7 billion in funding for indigenous students over the next five years. But too much of that money won't be seen for a few years yet. Generations of indigenous children will be lost in the meantime.

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At least there's a silver lining

GOLDEN GLOBES

Show afflicted by tech issues, Trump anxiety

The Golden Globes got off to a rocky start Sunday, with a broken teleprompter initially stalling host Jimmy Fallon, who still managed to start the show with a singing-and-dancing ode to La La Land and a steady diet of Donald Trump jokes.

"Cut to Justin Timberlake, please," implored a desperate Fallon as he improvised while another teleprompter was brought in. It was the second fiasco for Globes producer Dick Clark Productions, which presented the infamous Mariah Carey flub on New Year's Eve.

In a more truncated monologue than his lavish opening sketch that was a take on the night's big winner, La La Land, Fallon's sharpest barbs weren't directed at celebrities but president-elect Trump. His first line (at least once the teleprompter was up) was introducing the Globes as "one of the few places left where America still honours the popular vote." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

1 **Sparkle and shine** — Futuristic metallics were all over the red carpet at this year's Golden Globes. From left: **Ruth Negga** in Louis Vuitton, **Regina King** in Romona Keveza, **Emma Stone** in Valentino and **Chrissy Teigen** in Marchesa.

2 **Parade of pinks** — **Lily Collins** wore a princessy Zuhair Murad gown — one of many actresses in pink. "I love this colour. It's fun, it's fresh, it's great," she said.

3 **Comedy gold** — "It's nice here, at 44," joked **Tracee Ellis Ross,** referencing her age, when she won for best actress in a comedy for her role in Black-ish.

4 **Art and heart** — **Viola Davis**, best supporting actress, said of Fences: "It doesn't scream moneymaker but it does scream art. It does scream heart."

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER
WHAT I'M WATCHING

Behind bright lights of fame

The late Carrie Fisher and Debbie Reynolds lived side by side, their public and private lives indistinguishable. CONTRIBUTED

THE SHOW: Bright Lights: Starring Carrie Fisher and Debbie Reynolds (HBO)
THE MOMENT: Scooting through the casino

Debbie Reynolds, mid-80s, is about to appear in her final stage show, in a lesser Las Vegas casino. Wearing a long black sweater and a tan knit hat, she rides a scooter across the vast casino floor.

This documentary from directors Alexis Bloom and Fisher Stevens shows us that Reynolds was one of the world's most famous women. When her husband Eddie Fisher left her for Elizabeth Taylor, the scandal made Brad/Angelina/Jennifer look pale. But in the casino, she's just another grandma; no one glances her way.

Backstage in a sequined gown that weighs more than she does, Reynolds can barely move. She shuffles gingerly to the stage entrance, a sliver of space between a potted plant and a speaker. But the minute her toe crosses that line, her shoulders snap back, and she sashays into the spotlight — where she belongs.

I don't know if Bloom and Stevens set out to make Grey Gardens: Hollywood, but that's what they did. Bright Lights is a 94-minute meditation on fame, demonstrating that some people are built for it, and need it like they need food and drink — even if, like food and drink, some of it is bad for them.

Watching it removes some of the sting that Reynolds and her daughter Carrie Fisher recently died a day apart. They lived side by side. They had to be each other's best friends, because only they understood that their public and private lives were indistinguishable. Celebrity had permeated their DNA. It's admirable. It's pitiable. It's fascinating.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

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Jenny (Jessalyn Wanlim), Anne (Dani Kind), Kate (Catherine Reitman), and Frankie (Juno Rinaldi) star in CBC's new comedy Workin' Moms, which premieres on Tuesday, Jan. 10. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Kohler's Workin' progress

COMEDY

Portraying women with 'well-rounded problems'

Genna Buck
Metro

Writer and stand-up comedian Rebecca Kohler has been flexing her funny bone in the writers' room of such shows as Schitt's Creek and Kim's Convenience.

Now she's working on the sitcom Workin' Moms, CBC's new, irreverent take on the quest to have it all. But before she hit it big in the world of TV, she was the resident funny lady on the Metro Views page. We caught up with her to talk about the show, how she got into the mind of a mom and the *real* story behind its unique title.

Tell me about the premise of this show.
There's four main characters and they all have jobs and they all have kids. That's the through line. They have very different lives, with different, well-rounded problems and perspectives. I think four different female characters, all interesting, all funny, all touching at times — you don't get a lot of room in a lot of situations to portray women like that.

How did you get involved?
My agent sent me a sizzle reel. It's almost like a trailer for what the show could look like. And I really liked it. I thought, 'these characters are interesting, the type of women I feel like I would hang out with.' And it was funny. I really connected with it. And I had an interview with Catherine Reitman (who plays the lead, Kate Foster) and Philip Sternberg (her co-star and real-life husband), who are both executive producers of the show, and about a month later I found out that they wanted to hire me.

The tone seems a little bit more tart than an average CBC comedy...
Tart is what it is. It's not vanilla. I've worked on a few CBC shows this year, and I feel like (the network) is trying to, outside of just Workin' Moms, step out of what people have come to think of as the CBC. They're trying to take more risks. There are definitely things in this show that will make the average CBC viewer be like, "What channel is this that I'm watching?"

> **These are the type of women I feel like I would hang out with.** Rebecca Kohler

There are other working mothers on TV. Why does this need to happen now?
It's not just about having women on TV and film. It's about having real women. These women are portrayed the way men have always been portrayed. It's (also) not just about being a mom. It's about being a woman who is like, "You can't grab me by the f—ing p—sy! Go f—k yourself!" Pardon my language.

You had to put yourself in the mom headspace to write this — but you don't have children. How did you go about that?
All of my best friends have children. I talk to my best friend who I've known for 20-plus years, and hear her stories. I never want to say I've lived as a mom and I know what it's like. I don't, and I would never presume. Part of what I'm good at is listening and respecting those stories and trying to communicate them as best I can.

This show really has a sense of place. It's so obviously Toronto. Can you talk a little bit about the importance of the setting?
A lot of the Toronto stuff came out through the photography and directing. When Catherine and Philip looked at Toronto, they were like 'Wow, what an amazing city, we want to showcase this.' We had an email chain where Catherine would drive by graffiti, take a photo of it and say, 'We need this in the show!' I think this is a perfect mix of showcasing a world-class city but also keeping it kind of universal.

The women are all extremely glamorous and well put-together — although I'm sure we'll see them get into all sorts of messy mom situations. Are these characters relatable?
We discussed that a lot in the (writers') room. You're right that this is not depicting a poor single mom. There's a fantasy element to it. These women are relatively privileged, but even someone with some privilege can have a hard time.

Why is it called Workin' Moms instead of Working Moms?
It was called Workin' Moms when I started, and it stayed Workin' Moms. It's because they're so busy, they don't have time to say the G! (laughs).

This interview has been edited and condensed for clarity.

YOU CAN DO THIS EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Shaping children's futures

WHY I LIKE MY JOB

Marie O Connell, 33, Early Childhood Educator.

Back in high school, I was basically the neighbourhood babysitter. Now that I think about it, I feel like I spent most of my Friday and Saturday nights doing arts and crafts with a bunch of five- and six-year-olds. My friends and family always said I'd make a great mom (I'm now a proud mother of two), so naturally I ended up enrolling in the early childhood education program at Red River College when I was 19.

Today I specialize in running before- and after-school programs for children with varying disabilities. In this role, it's important that I keep current in CPR and First Aid certification while maintaining an environment that consistently protects the security, health and well-being of all children up to 12 years.

I love a challenge, and my job certainly comes with several. I must plan and carry out inclusive programs that promote all areas of child development — all while keeping upwards of 15 kids entertained by stories, songs, crafts and snacks. It's a job that requires strong interpersonal skills, flexibility, judgment and a fun personality. If that speaks to any job seekers, I say go for it!

THE BASICS: Early Childhood Educator

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HOW TO START

Most ECEs possess a diploma or degree in early childhood education and/or child development. The most direct route would be to enrol in a two-year college program offering field placement opportunities. In most provinces, ECE graduates must obtain formal licensing from a provincial association to practise in the field.

WHERE YOU CAN GO

ECEs work primarily with children from infancy to eight years, and thus have a profound impact on a child's development. Families place their trust in child care centres, nursery schools and the elementary school system to assist in the development of their child. Employment in this sector is expected to remain strong in Canada, especially with the prevalence of newcomer families.

NEXT CAREER STEP

Professionals seeking work opportunities or career advancement may consider joining a recognized affiliation or association, many of which provide members with updates on continuing education courses, networking events and curriculum development strategies. Additionally, employers typically hire professionals with current CPR certification, immunization records and knowledge of the Day Nurseries Act.

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Big 3 fortify Steelers

NFL

Bell, Brown, Roethlisberger carry magic over to playoffs

Steelers wide receiver Antonio Brown gets past Dolphins cornerback Tony Lippett before scoring his second touchdown on Sunday in Pittsburgh. FRED VUICH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Le'Veon Bell spent the last two Januarys watching helplessly while the Pittsburgh Steelers tried to make a deep post-season run without him. The ever-fluid running back made up for lost time Sunday against the Miami Dolphins.

So did Ben Roethlisberger and Antonio Brown, the other members of Pittsburgh's "Big Three" together in the playoffs for the first time.

Le'Veon Bell
GETTY IMAGES

Pounding away relentless at a defence that hardly seemed interested in stopping him at frigid Heinz Field, Bell ran for a franchise post-season record 167 yards and two scores. The Steelers overwhelmed the beaten-up and mistake-prone Miami Dolphins 30-12 on Sunday.

"We wanted to go out there and make a statement," Bell said.

Bell, Brown and Roethlisberger, who wore a walking boot on his right foot afterward, more than wiped away the bitter aftertaste of a 30-15 whipping at the hands of the Dolphins in mid-October. Given a shot at redemption, Pittsburgh didn't let it go to waste. The Steelers (12-5) led by two touchdowns before the game was 10 minutes old on long touchdown passes from Roethlisberger to Brown. Miami never got closer than 11.

"Le'Veon was beastly," said Brown, who finished with five receptions for 124 yards and the two scores. "All day, controlling the line of scrimmage, just running guys over and finding a way to put the ball in the end zone. Any time he's playing like that, we're going to be a hard team to beat."

Certainly, at least, teams like the Dolphins (10-7). Given a chance to prove their first playoff berth in eight years wasn't a fluke despite being outgained and outscored during the regular season, Miami never found a rhythm. The problem wasn't the single digit wind chill or a vicious hit absorbed by quarterback Matt Moore in the second quarter as much as it was the Steelers.

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Steelers 30, Dolphins 12
Packers 38, Giants 13

Pittsburgh sacked Moore five times, forced turnovers on three consecutive possessions in the middle of the game, and never really let the Dolphins up off the deck.

"It's hard to win when you turn the ball over," said Moore, who completed 29 of 36 passes for 289 yards with a touchdown and an interception. "In the playoffs, you can't make mistakes and that's on me."

Pittsburgh (12-5) ran off its eighth straight victory to set up a visit to AFC West champion Kansas City (12-4) next Sunday. The Steelers rolled by the Chiefs 43-14 on Oct. 2.

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SOCCER

FIFA primed to expand World Cup

FIFA is set to make the World Cup bigger and richer, even if the price to pay is lower quality soccer.

FIFA president Gianni Infantino hopes his ruling Council will agree Tuesday to expand the 2026 World Cup to 48 nations, playing in 16 groups of three teams.

A decision could be delayed if some Council members demand to know exactly how many qualifying places each continent will get before agreeing to scrap the 32-team format. It has been successful, popular and profitable since 1998 and is locked in for the next two World Cups in Russia and Qatar.

> **The driver should really be the development of football and boosting football all over the world.**
> President Gianni Infantino

The prize of 16 extra places, and the biggest increases to Africa and Asia, has "overwhelming" support from FIFA's 211 member federations, Infantino has said.

Their promise of extra funding from Zurich could also be secured by FIFA's forecast 20 per cent rise in rights fees paid by broadcasters and sponsors.

World Cup champion Germany is among those not in favour. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Buchanan signs with strong French soccer team

Olympique Lyonnais has confirmed the signing of Canadian soccer star Kadeisha Buchanan.

The 21-year-old defender from Brampton, Ont., took in Lyon's men's match Sunday with Montpellier, with Olympique Lyonnais welcoming the Canadian to its powerhouse women's team via Twitter.

Olympique Lyonnais is the reigning UEFA Women's Champion League champion. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cockpit smoke forces Stars' plane to turn around

A plane carrying the Dallas Stars hockey team was forced to return to a St. Louis-area airport because of smoke in the cockpit.

The Belleville News-Democrat reports the Boeing 737 took off at 11:52 a.m. from the St. Louis Downtown Airport in Cahokia, Ill., but turned around within five minutes. A backup plane was summoned to take the team to Los Angeles to face the Kings on Monday night.

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MAKE IT TONIGHT

Individual Breakfast Pizzas

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Let's start this week off easy, shall we? How about breakfast for dinner in the form of this delicious little pizza that comes together in a snap.

Ready in 25 minutes
Prep time: 5
Cook time: 20
Serves 2

Ingredients
- 2 pitas
- 1 cup passata (or tomato or pizza sauce)
- Salt and pepper
- 1 1/2 to 2 cups mozzarella, grated
- 1/4 cup crisply fried bacon, crumbled
- Few leaves of basil
- 2 eggs

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 450 F. Place pitas on baking sheet. Pour tomato sauce on pitas and spread around. Leave a little edge clear of sauce all the way around.

2. Sprinkle cheese on each pita and push out the edges so you make a nest for each egg. Sprinkle basil and bacon around the edge of cheese nest. Gently crack an egg in the middle.

3. Slide sheet carefully into oven. Bake 15 to 20 minutes, depending on how done you like your eggs.

4. Use a spatula to move egg pizza to a cutting board where you'll cut each pizza into four. Serve with slices of avocado, sour cream and a bit of salsa. Enjoy!

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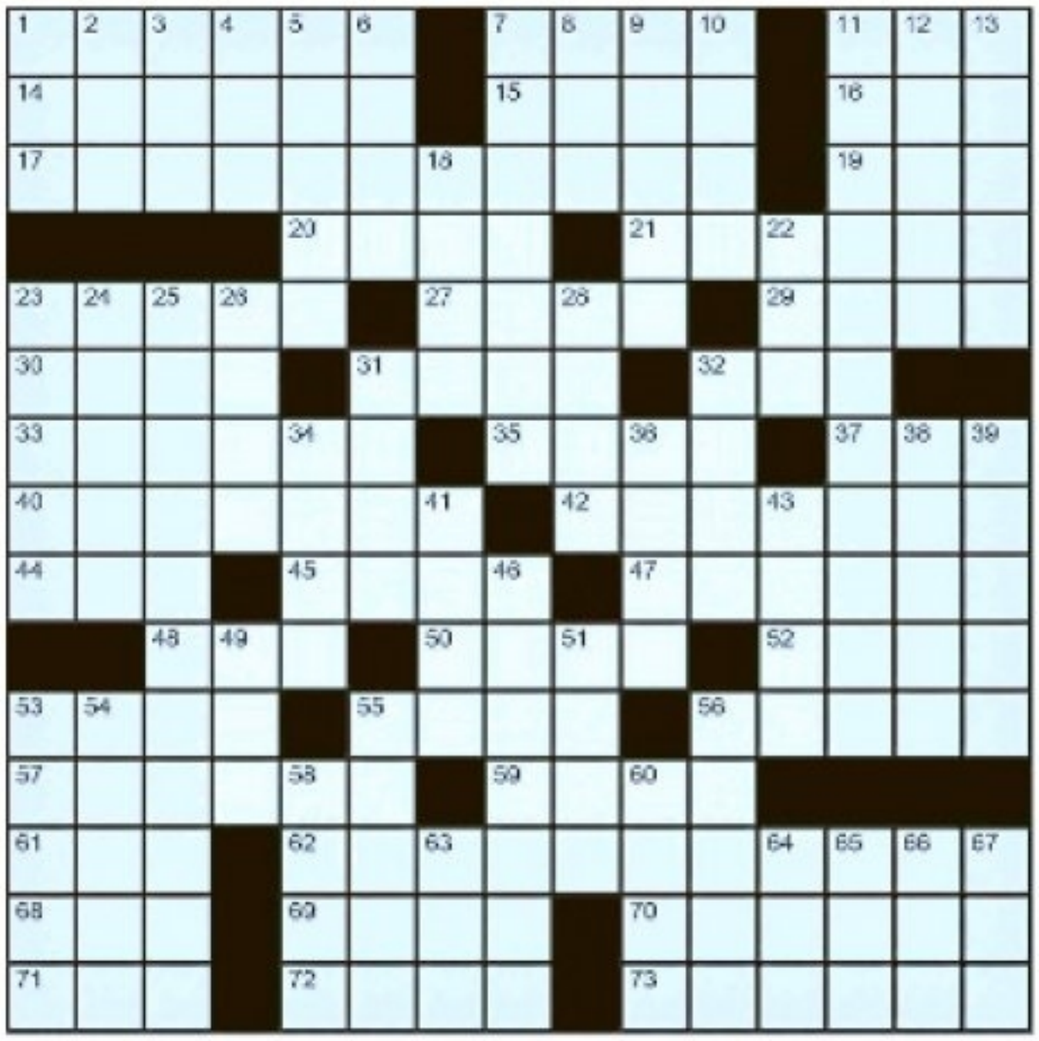
CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. "I didn't realize it would take __." (I thought this would be over by now)
7. _-Carotene
11. Nevertheless
14. Affirmation, fancy-style
15. Get __ the ground floor
16. Clearasil rival, _ 5
17. Patented in 1894, Canadian inventor Theodore Witte's invention in your tool kit: 2 wds.
19. Knock at the door
20. Give off
21. Be bothersome
23. Greenfly, for one
27. Trivial things to pick
29. Immature newts
30. Repented
31. Gentle
32. Kingston Trio lettered tune
33. How most medication is taken
35. Consequently
37. Pen's cover
40. Imposing, as taxes
42. Master at La Scala
44. Grassy field
45. Caspian and Tyrrhenian
47. Flunky
48. Ho-hum habituation
50. Inscribe
52. Barrel
53. Mr. Kinnear
55. Unadorned
56. #11-Down is situated at its mouth, _ River
57. Hurrying-up human
59. Empire of Peru
61. Vancouver sch.
62. Nova Scotia __ Retriever (Sporting dog)
68. _-ray player
69. Rock's _ Straits
70. Oatmeal or chocolate chip
71. View
72. Burden
73. Additionally: 2 wds.

DOWN
1. Pouch
2. Latin-style eggs
3. Mr. Reed
4. Bird of the night
5. Without wearables
6. Flicker of light, for short
7. Successful spot, with The: 2 wds.
8. Manchester's country, for short
9. Experiences a destination
10. Ms. Kendrick
11. 1684: Hudson's Bay Company trading post in northeastern Manitoba which is now a National Historic Site of Canada: 2 wds.
12. Laud
13. Varieties
18. Fashion brand, _ Ricci
22. Goalie's area
23. On __ (Doing fantastic)
24. Mush (Recipe instruction)
25. Ontario's 400-series highways are the setting of Discovery Channel Canada's new series "__: 401"
26. Lazily
28. Condition
31. England: Newcastle upon _
32. _ & Chandon Champagne
34. Shopper's reference
36. Large laceration
38. Lock horns
39. Hallmark inners
41. Earth goddess of ancient Greece
43. _ crackers
46. Hits the picket line
49. "Gross!"
51. Penny
53. Chows
54. Russia's currency
55. Boston hockey player
56. Heavenly hats
58. Taro root
60. Funny lady Imogene
63. French vineyard
64. Stovetop setting
65. White House nickname
66. Zilch
67. Congeal

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Think twice before you get into an argument with someone today, especially a sibling or relative, because you might regret it. Remember: A closed mouth gathers no feet.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
This is a poor day to make important financial decisions, because you are not 100 per cent sure about what you want to do. You're also not 100 per cent sure of the facts.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Be patient when talking with parents, bosses and authority figures today, because people are confused and impatient. Don't get involved. And never underestimate the power of courtesy.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Avoid controversial subjects like politics, religion and racial issues today, because these arguments will be pointless. There's too much confusion, and too much anger.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
If you need to sort out matters related to inheritances or shared property, wait another day, because this is not the day to do it. Truthfully, your heart is not in it. These talks will fail.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
It's easy to be quarrelsome with partners and close friends today, which is why this is a poor day for important discussions. This also is the classic day where people can kid themselves. It's not good.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Avoid sensitive subjects like politics and religion today, especially with coworkers. These conversations will go south in a New York minute. Who needs this? Not you.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Postpone financial discussions for another day, especially about the shared cost of raising children or a social event. This is not a good day for this kind of thing.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Be accommodating with others today, because the Moon is opposite your sign. In addition, Neptune and Mars are causing you to confuse an issue. Go gently.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Keep your head down and your powder dry today when you're at work. Don't go looking for trouble. It will find you. Both Mars and Neptune will introduce confusion and anger to your discussions.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Parents should be patient with their kids today, because it's a confusing day. Likewise, it's a confusing day for romance.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Postpone important family discussions for another day because today confusion and heated emotions will color everything. Lighten up. You'll be glad you did later.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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